

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
October 16, 2024 5:30 p.m.

President Green called to order the October 16, 2024 regular meeting of the Orange County Water District Board of Directors at 5:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the District Secretary called the roll and reported a quorum as follows. Public access was also provided via Zoom webinar.

Directors

Valerie Amezcua
Denis Bilodeau
Cathy Green
Dina Nguyen
Natalie Meeks
Stephen Sheldon (absent)
Van Tran
Erik Weigand
Bruce Whitaker (participated as public)
Roger Yoh

Staff

John Kennedy, General Manager
Jeremy Jungreis, General Counsel
Christina Fuller, District Secretary

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER AWARD

The Board presented the Employee of the Quarter award to Senior Hydrogeologist David Field.

VISITOR PARTICIPATION

Mesa Water District General Manager Paul Shoenberger congratulated OCWD on the Appellate Court's ruling on the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) litigation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Tran, seconded by Director Amezcua and carried [8-0] as follows,

Ayes: Amezcua, Bilodeau, Green, Meeks, Nguyen, Tran, Weigand, Yoh

Absent: Sheldon, Whitaker

1. Approval of Cash Disbursements

MOTION NO. 24-95
APPROVING CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Payment of bills for the period of September 26, 2024 through October 09, 2024 in the total amount of \$6,421,024.88 is ratified and approved.

2. Minutes of Board of Directors Meetings held September 18 and October 2, 2024

MOTION NO. 24-96
APPROVING MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the Board of Directors meetings held September 18 and October 2, 2024 are hereby approved as presented.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 9

3. Operational Efficiency Study – Booky Oren Global Water Technologies

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-125
AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT TO BOOKY OREN GLOBAL WATER TECHNOLOGIES LTD FOR OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY STUDY

RESOLVED, that issuance of Agreement to Booky Oren Global Water Technologies Ltd. is authorized in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 in accordance with its proposal dated September 1, 2024; and, upon approval as to form by District General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

4. Replacement of the Groundwater Replenishment System Fountain Valley Campus Fire Panels from Edwards Est-3 Series to Est-4 Series Due to Obsolescence

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-126
AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT TO TRL SYSTEMS FOR SERVICES AND MATERIALS TO PERMIT, REPLACE, PROGRAM, TEST AND CERTIFY THE FACP SYSTEM

RESOLVED, that issuance of Agreement to TRL Systems is authorized in the amount of \$589,239 for services and materials to permit, replace, program, test and certify the FACP system.

5. Purchase Order to Thermo Scientific for One Ion Chromatograph Tandem Mass Spectrometer (IC-MS/MS)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-127
AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDER TO THERMO SCIENTIFIC FOR ONE ION CHROMATOGRAPH TANDEM MASS SPECTROMETER (IC-MS/MS)

Authorize issuance of Purchase Order to Thermo Scientific for the total amount of \$334,845 for one Thermo Scientific Ion Chromatograph tandem Mass Spectrometer coupled with a TSQ Quantis Plus Triple Quadrupole (TQ) Mass Spectrometer, Genius XE35 Nitrogen generator, and AS-AP autosampler with temperature control option.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT ADMINISTRATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 10

6. Monthly Cash Control Report

MOTION NO. 24-97
RECEIVING AND FILING THE MONTHLY CASH CONTROL REPORTS

The Summary Cash and Cash Equivalents Control Reports dated September 30, 2024 are hereby received and filed.

7. Investment Portfolio Holdings Reports

MOTION NO. 24-98
RECEIVING AND FILING INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS REPORTS

The Investment Portfolio Holdings Reports dated September 30, 2024 are hereby received and filed.

8. Services Agreement to West Coast Arborist, Inc. to Provide Tree Trimming Services for the Recharge

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-128
AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT TO WEST COAST ARBORIST, INC FOR TREE TRIMMING SERVICES FOR THE RECHARGE FACILITIES

RESOLVED, that issuance of a Services Agreement to West Coast Arborist, Inc. for a three-year term for an amount not to exceed \$60,000 per year to provide tree trimming services for the District's Recharge Facilities.

9. Surplus of Lab Equipment, Tools, Obsolete Parts, and Computer Equipment

MOTION NO. 24-99
SURPLUS OF LAB EQUIPMENT, TOOLS, OBSOLETE PARTS, AND COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

Items on the Surplus List dated September 10, 2024 are hereby declared surplus, and the sale and disposal thereof is authorized.

10. Establish Prado Access Control Project Budget and Authorize Purchase Order to ASSI

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-129
AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDER TO ASSI TO PROCURE, INSTALL, AND INTEGRATE THE PRADO ACCESS CONTROL

Authorize issuance of Purchase Order to ASSI for \$16,442 to procure, install, and integrate the Prado Access Control and approve a project budget for Prado Access Control in the amount of \$20,000 funded by the District's Replacement and Refurbishment Fund.

11. District Travel / Expense Reports – FY 2023–24

MOTION NO. 24-100
RECEIVING AND FILING DISTRICT TRAVEL EXPENSE REPORTS

The District Travel and Expense reports for Fiscal Year 2023-24 are hereby received and filed.

12. Independent Auditors Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

MOTION NO. 24-101
RECEIVING AND FILING INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORTS PREPARED BY LANCE, SOLL &
LUNGHARD, LLP FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

The Audit Reports prepared by Lance, Soll & Lunghard, LLP for the period ended June 30, 2024 are hereby received and filed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

13. Urban Runoff Optimization Study Update

Senior Planner Kevin O'Toole recalled that the dry weather diversion program began in the early 2000s in response to beach closures in Huntington Beach from elevated bacteria. He reported that the program expanded to allow up to 10 MGD of dry weather urban runoff to the sewer. He noted there are 21 active diversions, currently 3 MGD diverted. He advised that diverted urban runoff ultimately becomes inflow for GWRS. Mr. O'Toole stated that OCWD views urban runoff as a valuable resource and noted dry weather diversions are an opportunity to improve local surface water quality while simultaneously increasing water supply to GWRS. He reported that OCWD will continue to advocate for urban runoff as a local water resource for groundwater recharge.

14. SAWPA Update

Director Whitaker provided an update on recent SAWPA activities.

15. Water Resources Summary

General Manager John Kennedy stated the report was in the packet and noted that the first quarter of the fiscal year was completed with numbers tracking on budget.

16. Committee/Conference/Meeting Reports

The Board reported on attendance at the following Committee meetings, noting the Action Agendas were included in tonight's Board packet.

- Oct. 03 - Communications and Legislative Committee
- Oct. 09 - Water Issues Committee
- Oct. 10- Administration and Finance Issues Committee
- Oct. 14- GWRS Steering Committee

17. Verbal Reports

President Green stated that she and General Manager John Kennedy attended Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 10 Event held at the Yorba Linda Water District where ACWA members shared valuable insights about current water quality challenges, including emerging contaminants and PFAS impacts.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, [Government Code Section 54956. 9(d)(1)]–1 case: Irvine Ranch Water District v.OCWD,et al.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session whereupon General Counsel Jungreis advised that there were no reportable items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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 Cathy Green, President

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